Reviewer’s report

Title: Alternative Models for Academic Family Practices

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General
Generally well written, good overview of alternative practice models for medical school departments of Family Medicine. Limited detail is provided, but Table 1 provides useful comparative financial data.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The statement regarding the optimal mix of mid-level practitioners to family physicians (4:1) needs to be explained in more detail. Why is this the optimal number? What is the data to back this up?

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.